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FOR ALDRICH FROM SIEVERTS

- 1. CONCUR IN DRAFT TEXT. ROGER SHIELDS (DOD/ISA) ALSO CONCURS.
- 2. FROM TELCON UNDERSTAND GDR STILL HAS PROBLEMS WITH PARA 2.A. HOPE WORDING CAN BE FOUND FOR THIS ON WHICH BOTH GERMANIES CAN AGREE.
- 3. IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GDR AND USSR, AND/OR IN WORKING GROUP, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO REINSERTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PHRASE QUOTE WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY UNQUOTE INTO

PARA 4 OF ARTICLE 20 BIS. THIS COULD BE DONE BY ADDING A FINAL SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ALL SUCH INFORMATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY UNQUOTE.

4. ANOTHER THOUGHT, REFLECTING AN INFORMAL ICRC COMMENT ON THE EARLIER USA DRAFT, WOULD BE TO ADD TO THE END OF THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 2 OF 20 BIS THE PHRASE: QUOTE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND WITHOUT LIMIT OF DURATION. UNQUOTE

ICRC ESPECIALY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SPECIFY THAT THE OBLIGATION TO SEARCH FOR THE MISSING SHOULD BE WITHOUT ANY TIME LIMIT, IN VIEW OF THEIR (AND OUR) EXPERIENCE THAT SUCH INFO SOMETIMES TURNS UP YEARS AFTER THE EVENT.

5. BEST WISHES FOR FURTHER WORK ON THIS SUBJECT. FAS ROBINSON

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